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Resolution Urges Administration to Name or Number Beach Right-of-Ways Identification of right-of-ways would improve response time by emergency services

Honolulu, HI – Resolution 05-254, introduced by Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, is up for adoption at the September 28 City Council meeting at Kapolei Hale.

Beach right-of-ways are currently unnamed by the City and County of Honolulu, and many are referred to by various names and descriptions, making it unnecessarily difficult for emergency services personnel to respond to calls at these locations. Following discussions with the Honolulu Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, Emergency Medical Services Department and City and County of Honolulu Lifeguards, Chair Dela Cruz introduced the resolution urging the City Administration to name or number Oahu beach right-of-ways and establish a process for assigning identification for existing and future beach right-of-ways.

"Captain Ku of the Sunset Fire Station initially brought the concern to my attention, and following meetings with other emergency service departments, it was agreed that this project should move forward as quickly as possible" said Council Chair Dela Cruz. "The safety of our residents and visitors is our highest priority and we need give our emergency personnel the tools and infrastructure to do what they do best — save lives."

The City Council has also asked the Department of Parks and Recreation to work with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine if it has a similar plan or if State beach right-of-ways need to be included in the City's efforts.

Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeia.

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